



TOWN OF WESTFORD
Office of the Town Clerk

EARLY VOTING FAQs

1. What is early voting?

Early voting is a process by which a registered voter can vote prior to a scheduled biennial state election. Voters can vote early by mail or in-person and the ballot will be cast on Election Day.

2. When will the early voting period begin and end?

The early voting period for the State/Presidential Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8th will begin on Monday, October 24th and end on Friday, November 4th.

3. Who is eligible to vote early?

All residents who are registered voters on or before the deadline to register to vote for the November 8, 2016, State/Presidential Election. Voters registered in the Town of Westford may only vote early in this town. No reason required.

4. When is the deadline to register to vote for the State/Presidential Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016?

The deadline to register to vote and/or change party enrollment for the November 8, 2016 election is Wednesday, October 19, 2016 by 8:00 p.m.

5. Where do I vote early?

All eligible voters may vote in-person at Town Hall (55 Main Street, Westford, MA) or by mail.

6. When are the early voting deadlines?

Early voting IN PERSON ends on Friday, November 4, 2016 at 4 p.m.

Last day and hour to submit an application for a mailed early voting ballot is Friday, November 4, 2016 before 12 noon.

Last day and hour to **deliver** an early voted ballot to the Town Clerk's office is 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

7. How do I get an early voting ballot?

You can get an early voting ballot by mail or in person. Voters voting by mail must complete an application or provide a request in writing.

Voters voting in person do not need to complete an application. A voter may request a ballot at Town Hall (55 Main Street) by providing their address and name. Early voting ballots cannot be removed from an early voting location.

8. How do I return my early voting ballot?

If voting in person, the voter will return the sealed affidavit envelope containing his/her early voting ballot to the election official.

If voting by mail the voter may return it by mail to the Town Clerk's office in the envelope provided by this office or the voter may deliver the ballot in person to the Town Clerk's office.

9. Is early voting available for all elections?

Early voting will be available for general state elections only. Early voting is not available for primaries, special elections or local elections.

10. If I vote early for the November 8th, State/Presidential Election will I automatically receive an early voting ballot for future elections?

No. Voters must request an early voting ballot for every election for which early voting applies.

11. Can I pick up an early voting ballot for a family member or friend?

No. The family or friend must come in person to the Town Clerk's office or request to have the ballot mailed to them.

12. I requested an early voting ballot but did not receive it, what should I do?

If you requested an early voting ballot but did not receive it, please call our office at 978-692-5515. Please note, early voting ballots will not be mailed until October 24th.

13. If I vote early can I also vote at the polls on Election Day?

No. Your ballot will be considered cast and you will not be eligible to vote by mail, in person or at the polls on Election Day.

If you have applied for an early voted ballot by mail but did not receive it or haven't returned it, you may then go to the polls.

14. Is absentee voting still available?

Yes. If you are qualified to vote by absentee ballot you may still do so.

To apply for an absentee ballot, you must be:

A registered voter who will be unable to vote at the polls on Election Day due to:

- absence from the Town of Westford during normal polling hours; or
- physical disability preventing you from going to the polling place; or
- religious beliefs

For any additional information please contact the Town Clerk's office at (978) 692-5515.